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For: PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE)	
OF NONWOVEN SURFACES)	

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of the listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed since it is no longer required.

The following comments are provided regarding the non-English citations:

WO 03/002668 A1 is in French. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0242788 A1 to La Grande et al., is cited to serve as an English counterpart.

FR 2 500 003 is in French. GB 2 093 469 A to Grandjean et al., is cited to serve as an English counterpart.

FR 2 248 341 is in French. U.S. Patent No. 3,887,644 to Well is cited to serve as an English counterpart.

WO 94/23101 A1 does not have an English-language counterpart and Applicants do not have an English translation. However, an English-language abstract (which includes a patent family search) is provided to serve as a brief statement of relevance.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since these documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee or statement is required.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

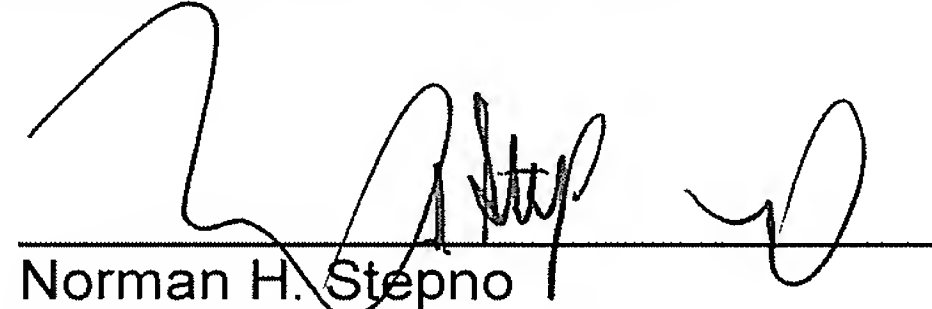
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